



Appendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An inclination measurement instrument for measuring an inclination with respect to a vertical direction, the inclination measurement instrument comprising:

a main body frame that is to be arranged along a vertical face to be measured, the main body frame having a first end and a second end; and

a reference arm connected to the first end of the main body frame so as to be perpendicular relative to the main body frame; and

_____ a telescoping arm connected to the second end of the main body frame so as to be perpendicular relative to the main body frame,

_____ wherein the reference arm and the telescoping arm extend in the same direction from the main body frame and are adapted to contact the face to be measured, and ~~that are brought into contact with the face to be measured, wherein~~

_____ said reference arm and said telescoping arm are formed at both ends of the main body frame so as to be perpendicular to the main body frame and oriented in the same direction, and

_____ wherein the said telescoping arm has a slide scale that is movable by telescoping the telescoping arm and a bubble gauge for determining a level of the telescoping arm,

_____ wherein, during an inclination measurement, the telescoping arm is adjusted so that the telescoping arm is level as indicated by the bubble gauge.

2. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein said the bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a telescoping direction.

3. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein thesaid bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a direction perpendicular to a telescoping direction.

4. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 2, wherein thesaid bubble gauge determines a level of the telescoping arm in a direction perpendicular to a telescoping direction.

5. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein thesaid bubble gauge can be observed from both upper and under sides of the telescoping arm.

6. (Original) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, further comprising a driving mechanism that drives a telescoping operation of the telescoping arm.

7. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 6, wherein thesaid driving mechanism converts a rotary movement of a rotating member into a telescoping movement of the telescoping arm.

8. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein thesaid reference arm is provided with a protrusion on a portion to be in contact with the face to be

measured on an outer side of the main body frame.

9. (Currently Amended) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein ~~the said~~ main body frame is provided with a bubble gauge for determining a level of the main body frame.

10. (New) The inclination measurement instrument according to claim 1, wherein, when the telescoping arm becomes level as indicated by the bubble gauge, the inclination of the face to be measured is indicated by the slide scale on the telescoping arm.